

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

OCTOBER 2000 COMMISSION MEETING

NAPA, CA

OCTOBER 19, 2000

HIGHLIGHTS

- Minutes from the September 21, 2000 Commission meeting were approved. These minutes have been posted on the State Commission's website (<http://ccfc.ca.gov/commissionmeetings.htm>) for review.
- 45 County Strategic Plans have been received by the State Commission as of October 19, 2000, leaving only 13 plans pending.
- The Counties of Napa, Sonoma, Solano, and Lake reported on the status of their work..
- Commission members approved funding for the following proposals:
 - Parent Education Project RFP – The California Children and Families Commission approved the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a parent education initiative consistent with State Commission 2000-2001 Objectives and Priorities to research parent education standards and develop a database of parent education information, materials, and programs. Funded at up to \$4 million total over 4 years, the Parent Education RFP will be released in December. For further information, please click here for the [Parent Education Concept Paper](#).
 - Strategic Plan Regional Training and Reviews: The Commission approved development of a contract in the amount of \$146,192 with UCLA's Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities to provide technical assistance to County Commissions who request assistance in developing, implementing, and revising their strategic plans.
 - Statewide Conferences for County Commissions – The Commission approved \$375,000 for technical assistance events for County Commissions.

- Funding to Small Counties for Implementation of Prop 10: \$2.5 million for two years (total \$5 million). The Commission approved a proposal from the Association of California County Children and Families Executives for the transfer of \$2.5 million from the State Commission's Unallocated Account to counties allocated less than \$2.5 million annually in Prop 10 revenues. This will assist 31 less populated counties in implementing Prop 10. Funds in the amount of \$2.5 million will be transferred from the State Commission to qualifying County Commissions for two years.
- Master Plan for Education – The Commission discussed, in follow-up to its September meeting discussion, the State Commission's potential role and participation in the Legislature's Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education (Kindergarten through University). The Commission has been asked by the Joint Committee to lead the school readiness portion of the Master Plan. A proposal will be presented for potential action at the Commission's November 16 meeting.
- Matching Funds for Retention Incentives for Child Development Providers – Commission members approved moving forward to develop and release a two stage RFA, comprised of a letter of intent and application, based on the presented concept paper. All counties in California have needs related to high staff turnover and poor quality child care. In an effort to address this statewide need and develop a Provider Retention Project, the California Children and Families Commission (CCFC) proposes a three-year matching fund program with a strong evaluation component, consistent with the State Commission 2000-2001 Objectives and Priorities. The first step in this process will be requesting letters of intent to apply from County Commissions who have addressed Retention/Compensation in their Strategic Plans. Once those are received, the required funding will be determined and presented for approval at the December State Commission Meeting. Counties will submit a comprehensive application in year one and in subsequent years continuation of funding will be based upon submission of required progress and expenditure reports and alignment with AB 212 Guidelines. For further information, please click here for the [Concept Paper](#).
- Media and Community Outreach – The Commission discussed the basic potential provisions of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for media and community outreach (public relations). A proposal to obtain approval to release the RFP will be presented for action at the Commission's November 16 meeting.
- Advisory Committee on Diversity – Commission members were asked to nominate by November 3 individuals to fill two vacancies on this Advisory Committee. Co-chairs are seeking experts on children with special needs.

- Review of State Commission Guidelines – The Commission discussed and decided not to amend the existing state guidelines at this time, and discussed possible future activities associated with revising the guidelines.
- The next monthly meeting of the California Children and Families Commission is on November 16 in Redding. Please check the State Commission's website in November for the specific location and agenda.